



All for Jesus

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Today's gospel passage is challenging. If anyone other than Jesus told you that if you love your own family "more than me," you are "not worthy of me," you would laugh in their face! Or, is this what scholars call a "semitism"—a culturally conditioned exaggeration used for effect? What about you are "not worthy of me" unless you "take up [your] cross and follow me," or "whoever finds his life will lose it"? Does Jesus mean these literally, or are these metaphors? And what is "a prophet's reward"?

A friend of mine tried an experiment. He took the Gospel of Matthew and read it through from start to finish as if he had never seen it before. He was astonished! Jesus was serious. He meant it—all of it. Try it yourself without looking for loopholes.

The key in the reading today is "for my sake." The standard, the rule, that absolute mark is "me," that is, Jesus himself, only Jesus, always Jesus. And Jesus sets that mark very high. Take up your cross? Jesus was abandoned on the cross. Jesus gave away his Mother from the cross. Jesus lost his life on the cross. But he found that life: resurrection! That is "a prophet's reward," is it not?

I have to love Jesus' promise, a special "reward" for just sharing "a cup of cold water" with a "little one."

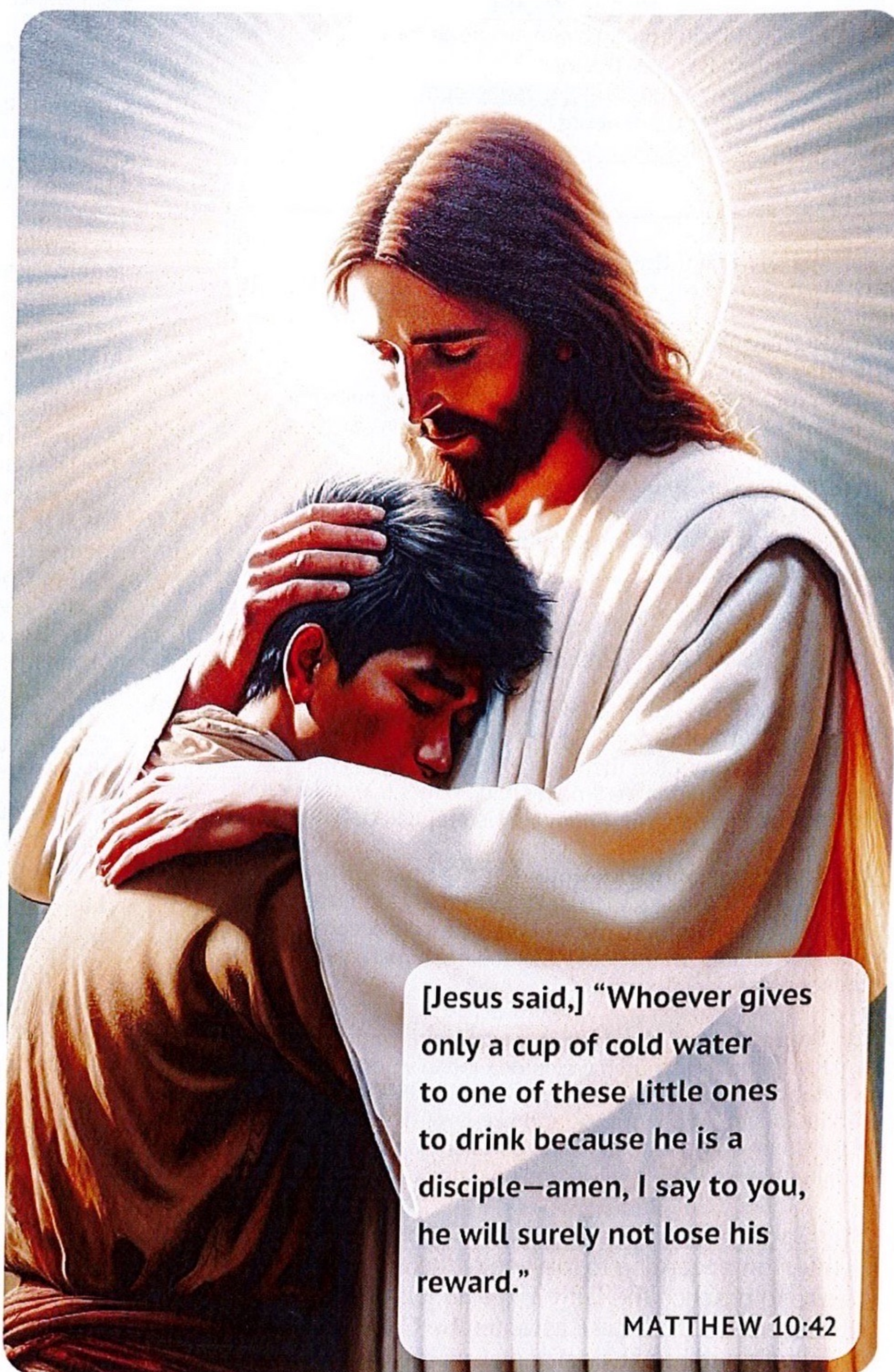


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It reminds me of Honduras, where I live. Here, a cup of cold water can make the difference between life and death. And that is no exaggeration! ●

Reflect

**Have I read a whole gospel
from start to finish?**



[Jesus said,] "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

MATTHEW 10:42



Mass Intentions

Saturday / June 27th – St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop/Doctor

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Bill Duncan

by: Dean Beardslee

****Anointing of the Sick after Mass**

****Magnificat Luncheon 11 am until 2 pm in the parish hall**

Sunday/ June 28th– Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Bill and Maureen Matselboba

by: The Matselboba Family

****Anointing of the Sick after Holy Mass**

Monday /June 29th – St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

9 a.m. Holy Mas : Cardinal Burke

by: Buddy and Anne Kootz

***Knights Officers meeting : 5 pm Rosary 5:30 pm meeting**

Tuesday/ June 30th – The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

No Holy Mass

Wednesday/ July 1st – St. Junipero Serra, Priest USA

6 p.m. Holy Mass : Buddy and Anna Kootz

by: The Kootz Family

Thursday /July 2nd – Weekday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Those who served or are currently in
USA Military Forces

by: People of the Parish

St. Monica's group meet after 9 am Holy Mass in the library

****Bingo starts at 6 pm doors open at 5 pm**

Friday/ July 3rd – St. Thomas, Apostle

First Friday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Marsha Corken

by: Joe and Doris Waggoner

Saturday / July 4th – USA, Independence Day

First Saturday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Connie Riedl †

By: Joe and Doris Waggoner

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Zolton and Cecilia Orosz †

by: Terry Phelps and Family

2nd collection- Maintenance Fund

***Food Pantry collection**

Sunday/ July 5th – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : John Michael Bystry †

by: Terry Phelps and Family

*** Food Pantry collection /*Bingo-doors open at noon /games 1 pm**

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Thought
for the week

Don't tell God, you have a big
problem. Tell your problem, you
have a big GOD !



Wishing you a Blessed Week



June 20th and 21st, 2026

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St. Monica's Group

The next meeting will be on Thursday July 2nd after 9 am Holy Mass in the church library. Please, join them to pray for our children, their spiritual protection and strength in their Catholic faith.

Food Pantry

The weekend of July 4th and 5th is the food pantry collection. They are always in need of pasta meals, canned meats and dried beans and bags of rice or any food item that is not way past the expiration date.

B-I-N-G-O

Come support our Bingo committee, they work hard to keep the bingo games going and the Knights do the concessions.

It is every 1st Sunday of each month, doors open at noon, games start at 1 pm and every Thursday night of the week doors open at 5 pm and games start at 6 pm. It's a great way to enjoy the hot summer nights in the cool with some good food made by the Knights and it benefits our church ! **See you there !!**

Thank you !

To all our volunteers who keep everything running smoothly with your time, talent and treasures. May God Bless you abundantly.



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We wish you many blessings on your Birthday !

- * June 29th - Karen Burton**
- * July 1st - Gia Downen**
- * July 2nd - Laura Allen**
- * July 5th - Peter Hernandez**



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary !

- ♡ **Bill and Maureen Mateselboba on June 27th * 62 years**
- ♡ **Richard and Connie Conrad on June 30th * 36 years**
- ♡ **Michael and Susan Reddick on June 30th * 29 years**
- ♡ **Buddy and Anne Kootz on July 1st * 48 years**

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To Learn More About Holy Communion

Part 3

1. Holy Communion

2. What is Holy Communion?

Holy Communion is the receiving of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. It is an action. It is the sharing to the full in the Eucharistic sacrifice, by eating the Flesh of Christ as the food of our soul.

3. What is necessary to receive Holy Communion worthily?

To receive Holy Communion worthily it is necessary to be free from mortal sin, to have a right intention, and to obey the Church's laws on fast required before Holy Communion out of reverence for the body and blood of Our Diving Lord. However, there are some cases in which Holy Communion may be received without fasting.

4. Does he who knowingly receives Holy Communion in mortal sin receive the body and blood of Christ and His graces?

He who knowingly receives Holy Communion in mortal sin receives the body and blood of Christ; but he does not receive His graces and he commits a grave sin of sacrilege.

5. What should we do to receive more abundantly the graces of Holy Communion?

To receive more abundantly the graces of Holy Communion we should strive to be most fervent and to free ourselves from deliberate venial sin. If our hands are dirty at meal time, we wash them before coming to table. So too, if our souls are soiled with venial sin before Communion, we wash them with an act of contrition. That is why we say the Confiteor at Mass. To get our souls really clean, we should often take a good bath in the Precious Blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Penance. The more often we do this, the cleaner our souls will be to approach the table of the Eucharist. We should never stay away from Communion, though, because we have venial sins on our soul. Even though we may not be as clean as we should be, our souls need the food.

6. Does the Church not command us to fast from midnight before Holy Communion?

The Church does not now command us to fast from midnight before Holy Communion, as it did formerly. The laws enacted by Pope Pius XII now regulate this matter by the number of hours we must fast.

7. When may Holy Communion be received without fasting?

Holy Communion may be received without fasting when one is in danger of death, or when it is necessary to save the Blessed Sacrament from insult or injury.

8. What are the laws enacted by Pope Pius XII regarding the fast required before Holy Communion?

The laws enacted by Pope Pius XII regarding the fast required before Holy Communion are the following:

1. Water may be taken at any time before Holy Communion without breaking the fast.
2. Sick persons, though not confined to bed, may receive Holy Communion after taking medicine or non-alcoholic drinks. A priest's permission is not necessary.
3. All Catholics may receive Holy Communion after fasting one hour from food and drink including even alcoholic beverages in moderation. This rule applies to Holy Communion at midnight Mass as well as at Masses celebrated in the morning, afternoon or evening. A priest's permission is not needed.
4. One may not receive Holy Communion a second time on the same day, unless the danger of death arises, when he can receive the Blessed Sacrament as Viaticum. But one who has received the Holy Eucharist at the midnight Mass of Christmas or at the Mass of the Easter Vigil may receive again in the course of the day. These rules show the Church's desire that all Catholics partake of the Holy Eucharist frequently.

9. How should we prepare ourselves for Holy Communion?

We should prepare ourselves for Holy Communion by thinking of Our Diving Redeemer whom we are about to receive, and by making fervent acts of faith, hope, love, and contrition. It is good to prepare ourselves for Communion, even before Mass begins, by thinking about what we are going to do and asking Our Lord to come to us.

10. What should we do after Holy Communion?

After Holy Communion we should spend some time adoring Our Lord, thanking Him, renewing our promises of love and of obedience to Him, and asking Him for blessings for ourselves and others. *The fifteen or twenty minutes that Our Lord is in us bodily after Communion is the best time of the whole day for prayer.*

11. What are the chief effects of a worthy Holy Communion?

The chief effects of a worthy Holy Communion are; *first*, a closer union with Our Lord and a more fervent love of God and of our neighbor; *second*, an increase of sanctifying grace; *third*, preservation from mortal sin and the remission of venial sin; *fourth*, the lessening of our inclinations to sin and the help to practice good works. Holy Communion is eating food for the soul. Our Lord said, "He who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me" (John 6, 58). But Christ is love. This food is a flaming food, flaming with the fire of divine love. This love unites us most closely to Our Blessed Lord. It fills us with His fires of love for His Father and for all men, and makes our own fires of love strong with His.

12. When are we obliged to receive Holy Communion?

We are obliged to receive Holy Communion during Easter time each year and when in danger of death.

13. Why is it well to receive Holy Communion often, even daily?

It is well to receive Holy Communion often, even daily, because this intimate union with Jesus Christ, the Source of all holiness and the Giver of all graces, is the greatest aid to a holy life. If we appreciate what Communion really is, we will do our best to receive at least on Sundays. Our Lord must certainly be disappointed on Sundays when He sets out such a banquet and then sees so many people at Mass who do not come up to eat. They simply watch others eating and then go away with hungry souls. Most people could go to Communion daily if they really wanted to, though it might cost a little sacrifice. Daily Communion is highly recommended by the Church. Those who cannot go to daily Communion, but would if they could, can make a spiritual communion. This means a real desire to go to Communion when it is impossible to receive sacramentally. This desire obtains for us from Our Lord the graces of Communion in proportion to the strength of the desire.

14. How should we show our gratitude to Our Lord for remaining always on our altars in the Holy Eucharist?

We should show our gratitude to Our Lord for remaining always on our altars in the Holy Eucharist by visiting Him often, by reverence in church, by participating every day at Mass when this is possible, by attending parish devotions, and by being present at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Christ loves to have us visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament just as He loved to have people come to Him on earth. He loves us so much that He wants us to come with our troubles so that He can help us or just for us to come to talk to Him in our own words and spend time with Him. If we learn to listen to Him with our hearts, to hear anything He wants us to hear, He will teach our hearts what to do to love Him. Those who visit the Blessed Sacrament often, and really learn to be silent for some time before Christ in the tabernacle, find that their desire to be there gets stronger every day, and it becomes easier and easier to converse in love with Him.

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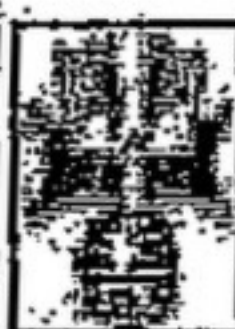
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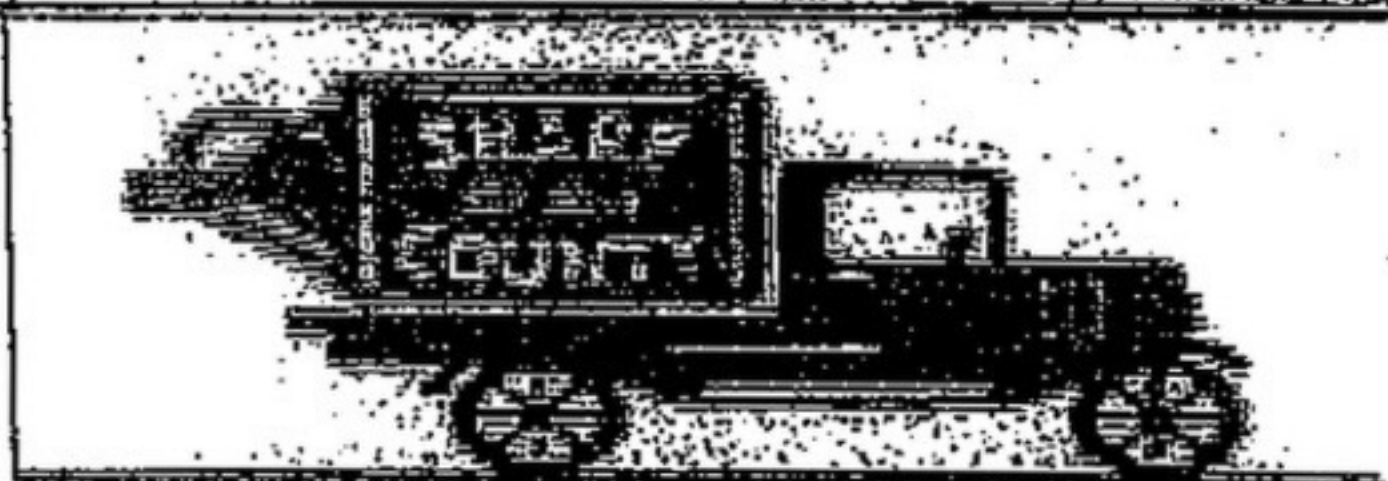
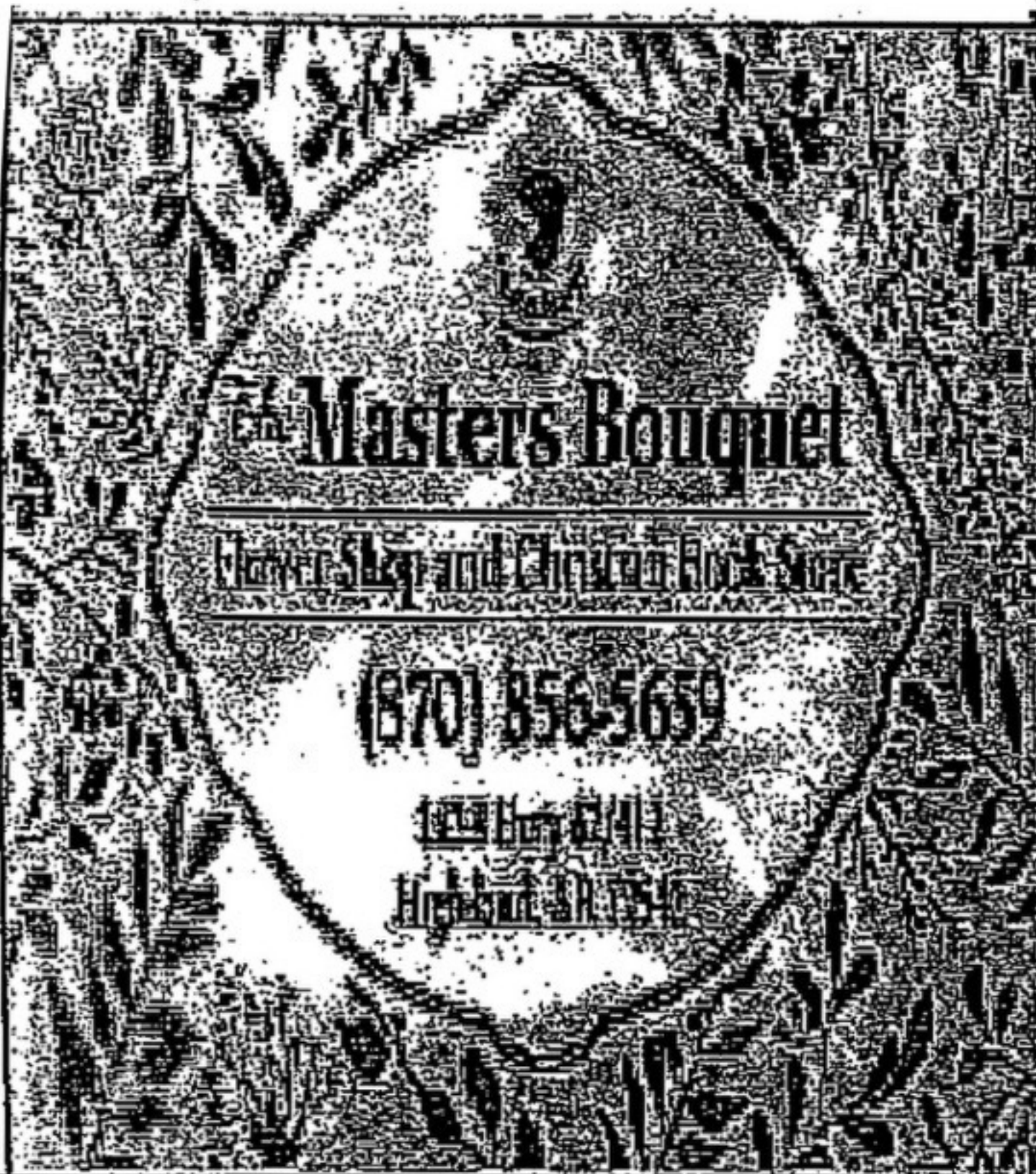
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Dear Padre,

I raised my children in the faith, but two of them left the Church to embrace another denomination, and two others, although still Catholic, have not committed to regular church attendance. I worry about their salvation.

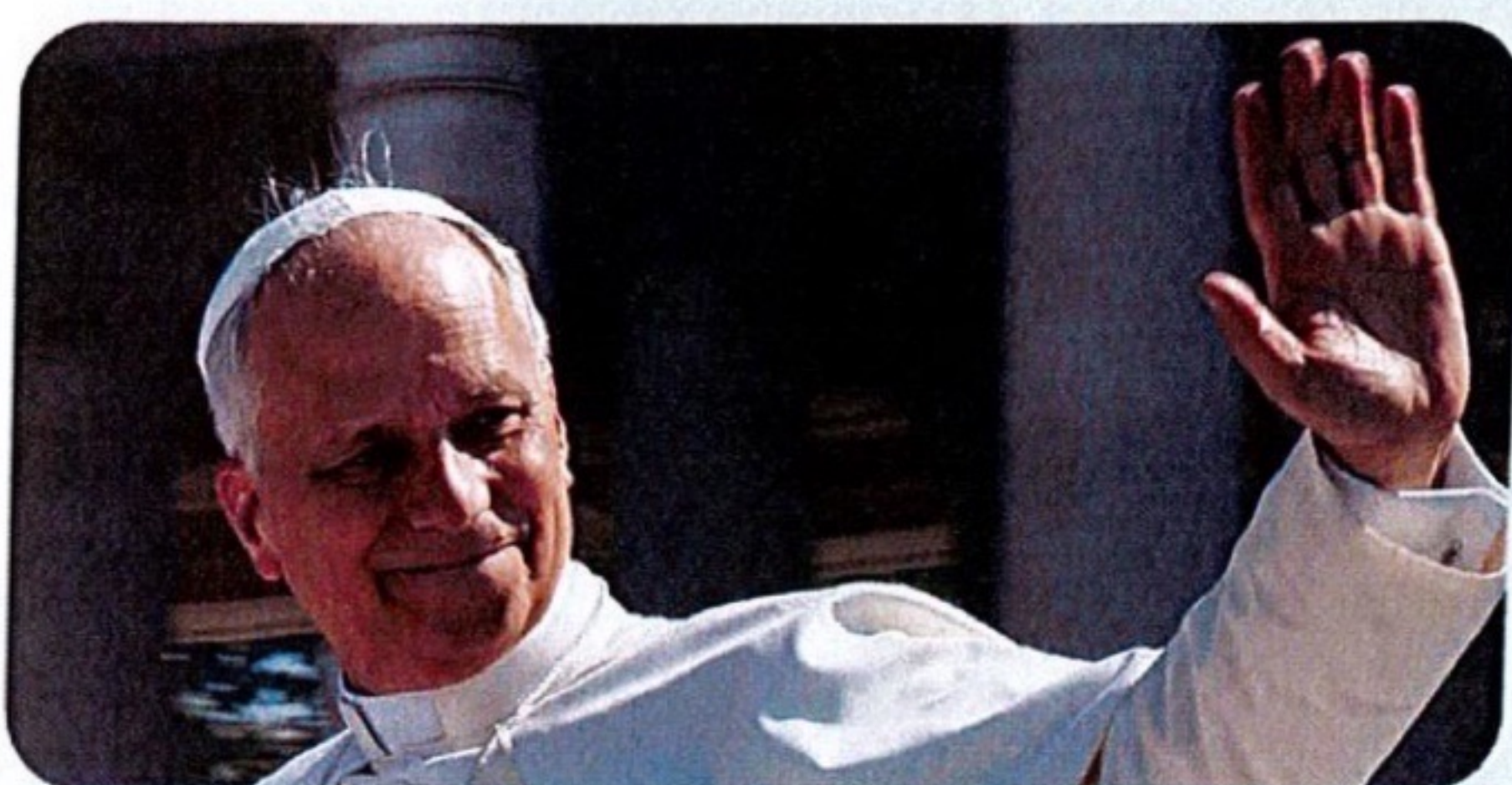
Your experience is not unknown to many Catholic parents. Many mothers and fathers could probably carry on a good conversation with you about their concerns for the faith lives of their children.

The journey of faith has many paths. An individual may think more deeply about the meaning of life or may find religion after a momentous experience or in the process of gathering with a community in which they find support, clarity, shared beliefs, or guidelines for living morally. For those of us who grew up believing, chances are, we were not introduced to religion through logic. Children are brought to church long before they are aware of their need for God. They learn doctrine and attend worship before questions of faith and religion form within them. Passing on the faith is a great gift that parents give, and it will serve these young people well. Your children have the tools to help them find their way, and God continues to be with them. Follow the example of St. Monica and pray for them. Trust this one to God and continue to be a good example. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Looking without walking by, halting the frantic pace of our lives, allowing the lives of others...with their needs and troubles, to touch our heart. That is what makes us neighbors to one another, what generates true fraternity and breaks down walls and barriers. In the end, love prevails, and it proves more powerful than evil and death.

HOMILY, CASTEL GANDOLFO, JULY 13, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday

June 30

Weekday

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12

Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

July 1

Weekday

Am 5:14-15, 21-24

Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

July 2

Weekday

Am 7:10-17

Mt 9:1-8

Friday

July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19-22

Jn 20:24-29

Saturday

July 4

Weekday

Am 9:11-15

Mt 9:14-17

Sunday

July 5

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9-10

Rom 8:9, 11-13

Mt 11:25-30